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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/08/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-12, 14-17, 19-22, 28-41, 43-45 and 47-49 (renumber as 1-39).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This is response to amendment filed 11/08/07.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-12, 14-17, 19-22, 28-41, 43-45 and 47-49 are allowed in light of the applicant arguments and in light of the prior art made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record and that encountered while searching for the claimed invention fails to anticipate and/or suggest: a method and system of organizing information into a plurality of clusters with a user-configurable information clustering system, the method using a processor executing instructions stored in a memory, the method comprising: modifying said cluster structure by a user according to user knowledge and preferences wherein said units of information are group into clusters based on a similarity function and said clusters have a coarseness which is controlled by a baseline vigilance as recited in claims 19 and 47.

The prior art of record and that encountered while searching for the claimed invention fails to anticipate and/or suggest: a user-configurable information clustering system and method using a processor executing instructions stored in a memory, the system comprising: a personalization module for modifying sad cluster structure by a user according to user knowledge and preferences, wherein said a personalization module permits indication by a user of a preference for a lower and higher baseline vigilance parameter by selecting at least one unit of information from each of at least

two cluster wherein said selected units of information are deemed by the user to be similar and dissimilar to each other as recited in claims 20, 21, 48 and 49.

The dependent claims 2-12, 14-17, 22, 28-41, 43-45, being further limiting to the independent claims 19 and 47 definite and fully enable by the specification are also allowed.

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cindy Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4025. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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